John F. Kolb

Services for John F. Kolb, 80, of 720 N. 3rd St., Aberdeen, were Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, The Rev. Glenn Midthun officiated.

Robert E. Olson was soloist with Merritt Johnson the organist. E.F. Jorgenson was the usher. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery with military graveside services under the direction of Sidney L. Smith Post No. 24 of the American Legion.

Mr. Kolb died Sunday, Jan. 9, in the Veterans' Hospital in St. Cloud, Minn.

The pallbearers were five grandsons, Milton Kolb and Gregory Kolb, both of Aberdeen; Charles Kolb, Pierre; Randy and David Kolb, both of Verdon; and a great nephew, Gary Sperle of Aberdeen.

John Fred Kolb was born July 4, 1891, in Glueckstahl, Russia. He came to the United States in 1906 with his parents and settled in the Hosmer area. He was married to Christina Hoff at Eureka Jan. 13. 1920. They farmed near Long Lake until 1943 when they moved to a farm near Verdon. They retired in 1950 and moved to Aberdeen, Since that time they lived in Portland, Ore., for one year and Mr. Kolb had been a patient at the VA hospital for the past four weeks. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the American Legion.

Survivors include his widow; five sons, Herbert F., Alvin and John E., all of Aberdeen, Edwin of Pierre and Julius, Verdon; three daughters, Mrs. Matt (Amelia) Hartze and Ella Hoff, both of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Marvin (Katherine) Amsden, Osborne, Idaho; 37 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.